GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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GAS CRACKER PROJECT IN ASSAM
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the year in which the foundation stone was laid for construction of the gas cracker project in Assam;

(b) the date on which the last meeting was held to sort out the pending issues;

(c) the progress of the construction work on the project;

(d) whether any gas supply agreement was signed;

(e) if so, the progress of the agreement; and

(f) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)
(a) The foundation stone for construction of the Assam Gas Cracker Project by M/s Reliance Assam Petrochemicals Ltd. was laid on 24.11.1995.
(b) January 04, 2000.
(c) M/s Reliance Assam Petrochemicals Ltdhave taken initial steps such as Environmental Impact Assessment study, discussions with process licensors and technology suppliers etc. Government of Assam and M/s Reliance Assam Petrochemicals Ltdare in the process of finalising the site for location of the project.

(d) & (e) Feedstock Supply Agreement between Oil India Ltd. and Reliance Assam Petrochemicals Ltd has been concluded in all respects except for issues relating to Liquidated Damages. The progress in implementation of the project is reviewed by the Government from time to time.
(f) On finalisation of the Feedstock Supply Agreement and acquisition of land, the project is expected to be commissioned in 44 months.